

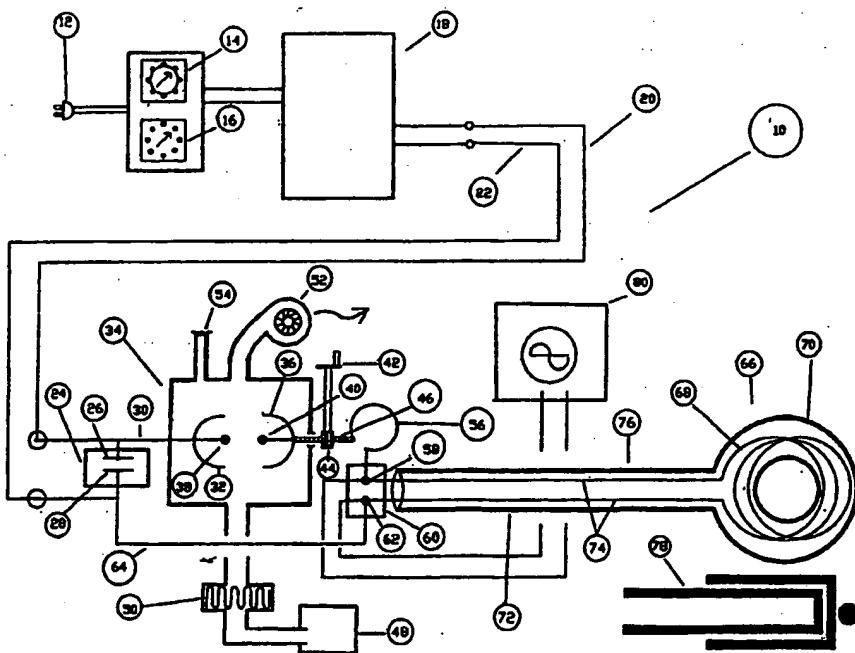


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(57) Abstract

An improved method and apparatus for pulsed magnetic induction by creating a plasma, supplying energy to excite said plasma to oscillate, and applying said resulting oscillations to a patient or biological matter.

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Method and Apparatus for Pulsed Magnetic InductionBackground of the Invention

5 This invention relates to pulsed magnetic induction and is particularly directed to improved methods and apparatus for inducing electrical activity within and around the cells of the human body and other biological matter for therapeutic purposes and
10 the like.

It has long been known that electrical current and electrical and magnetic fields have significant effects on the human body and various therapeutic techniques have been proposed heretofore for employing such electrical and magnetic effects to achieve beneficial results. In connection with this, it has been determined that human body cells have an electric potential across the surrounding membrane of the cell which energizes the sodium-potassium activity of the cell which, in turn, is responsible for the ion concentration of the cell and the maintenance of the transmembrane potential. When young and healthy, human body cells have a transmembrane potential of the order of 70 millivolts, whereas the transmembrane potential of an aged or unhealthy cell is considerably lower, approximately 50 millivolts. A cancer tumor cell can have a transmembrane potential as low as 15 millivolts. It has been found that cells with a low transmembrane potential are the source of pain generation signals which cause a sense of strong pain. At the same time, the membrane serves to resist extremely strong external electrical fields of the order at least of 70 mv/membrane thickness = 70

mv/several Angstrom, which is of the order at least of 10^6 v/m. Only a stronger external electrical source might serve to alter directly the transmembrane potential and, hence, effect the health of the cell.

5 The value of 10^6 v/m for an applied electrical field is prohibitive, as it surpasses the dielectric strength of the atmospheric air, which is 10 Kv/cm, or just 10^6 v/m, i.e. the atmospheric air will break down by such a strong electric field before the membrane of a cell

10 breaks down. This seems to be nature's way for safeguarding the cell against outside electrical disturbances.

Working in this direction, Nordenstrom was

15 led to develop a quite successful method for the cure of cancer by introducing electrodes to supply electric current directly inside the cancerous area. An electric contact in a small area creates a strong field, of the order of several volts per meter v/m,

20 which is inversely proportional to the separation of the electrodes. Theoretically, this field can reach any value by reducing the separation distance of the contact electrodes and might be independent of the total potential in the separation. Thus, in practice,

25 the field of the cellular membrane can be overcome by an invasive or contact method. Unfortunately, implantation of invasive electrodes involves surgery and creates the risk of infection at the implantation site. However, with prior art non-invasive

30 techniques, it has been practically impossible to achieve these values for the electrical field without ionizing the atmospheric air and, therefore, a transfer of electrical charges or ions across the cellular membrane could not take place with fields

which will not first break down the atmospheric air.

The use of static magnetic fields is known to have no significant influence of the static distributions of charges or ions within the cells.

5 Also, a strong electrostatic field may produce an initial displacement of electrical charges, but cannot produce a substantial electric current, such as would be required for ion displacement and electrolytic transport. Moreover, the usual alternating sinusoidal
10 electric field does not appear to have sensible results, due to the successive creation and removal of the electric charges, as well as because such an influence must be at least of the order of 10^6 volts per meter for affecting a biologic cell membrane.
15 Such a value is macroscopically prohibitive, since it surpasses the dielectric strength of air. The use of alternating sinusoidal magnetic fields causes an inductive electric voltage which is theoretically equal to the initial electric voltage of the source
20 which alters the magnetic flux of the coil. However, if the magnetic coupling is less than 100%, which is always the case, the induced voltage will be smaller than the voltage of the source. For ion movement across the cellular membrane to occur, an initial
25 source is required with a field greater than that of the transmembrane potential. However, as explained, this surpasses the dielectric strength of the air and has, therefore, been impossible with the devices of the prior art. The present invention overcomes this
30 problem by instantaneously boosting the voltage to from one to one hundred times the dielectric value of air and quickly reducing the voltage to a safe value before ionization of the air can occur. By bombarding the semitransparent or semiconductive membrane of the

cells by short duration burst of magnetic pulses caused by similar bursts of voltages, the transmembrane potential may be increased by ion conduction across the membrane. By bombarding the 5 membrane of degenerate cells or bigger microorganisms with even stronger bursts of magnetic pulses caused by stronger bursts of voltage bursts, pressure inside the degenerate cell or bigger microorganism is increased. This pressure can burst or kill these degenerate cells 10 or relatively bigger microorganisms of biological matter. Thus, this process can be used to perform cold pasteurization or to cause therapeutic changes in infected tissues or organs.

15 Brief Summary and Objects of Invention

The present method, in order to produce an electrical effect on the cellular membrane from afar, which will be substantial and feasible, uses plasma 20 oscillations observed in electric discharges in various gases under pressure. During these oscillations, a significant energy increase is observed, for a percentage of the electron or ion flow in the arc, which far surpasses any potential 25 difference in the discharge setup. The energy increase of these electrons or ions is achieved by a corresponding decrease in the energy of the remaining electrons or ions and results in the plasma being forced to oscillate with an eigenfrequency(ies) which 30 is(are) characteristic of the gas plasma. This phenomenon was first observed by Langmuir in 1925 and was studied independently by the present inventor (P.T. Pappas, Proceedings, International Conference For Free Energy, Eisiedeln, Switzerland, 1989;

International Tesla Symposium, Colorado Springs, 1990; 26th Intersociety Energy Conversion Engineering Conference, Boston, Mass., 1991). During the measurements of the inventor, an instantaneous increase of the effective voltage and current 10 to 100 times greater than the available potential and average current was observed along a simple circuit with an oscillating plasma of arc discharge. The ohmic resistance of the arc plasma is expected to be smaller than the total maximum value of the circuit, on the order of 0.5 Ohm, corresponding to the total measurable resistance of such networks. As a result, such a plasma arc is equivalent to a strongly varying resistance, from an infinite value before ignition to less than 0.5 Ohm after ignition, and subsequently to a negative value of the order of -100 Ohm. This variation is equivalent, theoretically, to a gain of infinity/0.5, which equals plus infinity, and to a subsequent negative gain of $0.5/-100 < 0$, meaning that a significant excess of alternating electromotive voltage, alternating electric current and effective power is produced for a short period time in the circuit. The efficiency is incomparably better than any solid state technique known which exhibit only a small finite gain. The increase of said values is comparable to the time intervals of molecular vibrations and these time intervals are short and are not sufficient to produce atmospheric ionization or to produce general ionization. The source voltage is generally smaller than that required for ionizing air, and is increased substantially instantaneously by the plasma oscillations. This increase is sufficiently strong to cause ion transfer across the cellular membrane or across the membrane of microorganisms and

cause pressure and potential increase. Moreover, the apparatus of the present invention is operated remotely and non-invasively, without any physical contact, and may even be applied over ordinary clothing. Moreover, the penetration depth for moderate power is adequate for most cases and is proportional to the intensity of the applied field which, theoretically, means that it can reach any desired depth by increasing the instantaneous power without ionizing the air. The present method is found to be effective to the same degree as microcontact, but avoids the disadvantages of electrode implantation and is not local, but can effective over large areas and depth. It also causes no ionization of the air because of the extremely short duty cycle.

Another unique property of the present method is obtained by the use of special plasma gases. As noted above, the frequency(ies) and characteristics of the plasma oscillations are dependent upon the particular gas elements of the plasma. Thus, by use of special gases, it is possible to produce the radio eigenfrequencies, which are absorbed through resonance by similar elements existing in biological matter. For instance, if nitrogen is contained in the gas plasma, it is possible to selectively excite the nitrogen atoms in the biological matter into oscillation. As a result, nitrogen atoms existing in the form of chemical compounds in a biologic area will selectively absorb this energy due to resonance of the nitrogen atoms in such compounds. This energy surplus in the biologic nitrogen atoms can provide the necessary energy to promote an endothermal chemical reaction and may allow the activated nitrogen atoms to

move and participate in latent chemical reactions, which would not otherwise have occurred due to lack of available energy. Thus, it becomes possible to selectively initiate or catalyze a selected chemical reaction, while avoiding another reaction which could result from application of the same amount of energy of a less specific nature. As an example, if we consider two chemical compounds, XAB and Y, whereby the first compound, XAB, contains two chemical elements A and B which can be transferred to the Y compound by supplying appropriate energy. By supplying selected energy, we may selectively produce two alternative endothermic chemical reactions:



15 or



Thus, with energy coming from plasma containing element A, we can activate chemical reaction (1), whereas with the energy coming from plasma containing element B, we can activate chemical reaction (2). Moreover, these reactions can be activated selectively and at will.

Accordingly, it is an object of the present invention to provide improved methods and apparatus for the therapeutic treatment of patients.

Another object of the present invention is to provide improved methods and apparatus for electrotherapeutic treatment of patients.

An additional object of the present invention is to provide improved methods and apparatus for treating patients with pulsed magnetic induction,

with the resulting induced current and voltage.

A further object of the present invention is
to provide improved methods and apparatus for treating
5 patients with pulsed magnetic induction, with the
resulting induced current and voltage without
requiring implantation of electrodes.

Another object of the present invention is
10 to provide improved methods and apparatus for treating
patients with pulsed magnetic induction, which is non-
invasive and may even be performed over ordinary
clothing.

15 An additional object of the present
invention is to provide improved methods and apparatus
for electrotherapeutic treatment of patients which
allows selective initiation or catalyzation of
chemical reactions within a patient.

20 Yet another object of the present invention
is to provide improved methods and apparatus for
employing pulsed magnetic induction to induce
electrical voltage and current within biological
25 matter to produce therapeutic results.

A further object of the present invention is
to provide improved methods and apparatus for
overcoming the transmembrane potential of human cells
30 without using excessive and ionizing the atmospheric
air high voltages

Another object of the present invention is
to provide improved methods and apparatus for

selectively stimulating one or more desired elements within a patient or biological matter.

A specific object of the present invention
5 is to provide an improved method and apparatus for pulsed magnetic induction by creating a plasma, supplying energy to excite said plasma to oscillate at a higher amplitude than the amplitude of the supplied energy, and applying said the resulting oscillations
10 to a patient or biological matter.

Another specific object of the present is to provide an improved method and apparatus for magnetic induction by creating a plasma containing a specific desired element, supplying energy to excite said element to oscillate at a characteristic radio eigenfrequency(ies), and applying said radio eigenfrequency(ies) to a patient to cause absorption of said energy by atoms of said specific element due
20 to resonance.

An additional specific object of the present invention is to provide improved methods and apparatus for employing magnetic induction to induce electrical voltage and current within biological matter.
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A further specific object of the present invention is to provide improved methods and apparatus for employing pulsed magnetic induction and the related induced electrical current and voltage to kill microorganisms or extinguish degenerate and/or weak cells.
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These and other objects and features of the

present invention will be apparent from the following detailed description, taken with reference to the figures of the accompanying drawing.

5 Brief Description of the Drawing

FIG. 1 is a diagrammatic representation of apparatus for performing pulsed magnetic induction in accordance with the method of the present invention;

10 FIG. 2 is an oscillogram showing the oscillations produced in the output coil of the apparatus of FIG. 1; and

15 FIG. 3 is an enlarged oscillogram showing the characteristic radio eigenfrequency(ies) oscillations produced by the output coil of the apparatus of FIG. 1.

Detailed Description of the Invention

In that form of the present invention chosen for purposes of illustration in the drawing, FIG. 1 shows a device, indicated generally at 10, having an electrical power receptor 12 for receiving alternating current electrical energy, at 220 volts and 50/60 Hz, and supplying the energy to a suitable timer switch 14, which regulates the operational period of the device 10. The switch 14 passes the electrical energy through a high-voltage variable transformer 16 to a rectifier 18, which converts the alternating current to a square wave at a frequency of only a few Hertz. The pulses of this square wave signal are sent through conductors 20 and 22 to charge a capacitive storage bank 24, which consists of two electrodes 26 and 28 and which is capable of storing a high potential charge and is capable of discharging substantially instantaneously. As the storage bank 24 is charged,

the square waves supplied to electrode 26 of the storage bank 24 are also supplied, through conductor 30, to the anode 32 of plasma chamber 34. The plasma chamber 34 contains a pair of hemispherical electrodes, anode 32 and cathode 36, each having central probes 38 and 40, respectively. The spacing between the anode probe 38 of the anode 32 and probe 40 of the cathode 36 is adjustable by suitable means, such as crank 42, which actuates rack 44 and pinion 46.

5 to vary the position of the cathode 36 and probe 40. Atmospheric air and gases, such as Nitrogen, Argon and the like are supplied to the plasma chamber 34 from one or more sources 48, through inlet filter 50 and are exhausted from the plasma chamber 34 by outlet fan 52. Also, a viewing window 54 is provided to allow 10 the operator to observe the character of the plasma within the plasma chamber 34. The cathode 36 of the plasma chamber 34 is connected by a flexible high voltage line 6 to contact 58 of junction box 60. The other contact 62 of the junction box 60 is connected 15 by conductor 64 to electrode 28 of the storage bank 24. An induction probe, indicated generally at 66, contains an induction coil 68, which is connected across the contacts 58 and 62 of the junction box 60 and which preferably has a diameter of 30 centimeters 20 and is formed of approximately 2 - 10 turns of at copper wire having cross sectional area of at least 6 square millimeters, so as to provide very high rates 25 of power, current >1000 amps, and voltage. The induction coil 68 is enclosed within a high insulation toroid 70, formed of suitable material, such as silicon, teflon or the like. As seen in FIG. 1, the 30 induction probe 66 also has a tail portion 72, which contains the conductors 74 connecting the induction

coil 68 to the junction box 60 encased within a sheath 76 formed of the same material as the toroid 70. The tail portion 72 serves to allow adjustable positioning of the induction coil 68 with respect to the patient, 5 indicated generally at 78, and may be up to a few meters in length. Finally, for test purposes or calibration, an oscilloscope 80 is connected across the electrodes 58 and 62 of the junction box 60 to provide a visual indication of the electrical signal 10 being supplied to the induction probe 66 and, hence, to the patient 78.

In use, the induction probe 66 is positioned to overlie a desired portion of the body of the 15 patient 78 and rack 44 is rotated by crank 42 to move pinion 46 to provide a desired spacing between electrodes 32 and 36 for initiation of plasma ionization within the plasma chamber 34. Next, exhaust fan 52 is started and said gases are 20 introduced into the plasma chamber 34 from gas source 48. An appropriate value is set for the variable transformed 16 and timer switch 14 is actuated to pass electrical energy from receptor 12 for a period of time, as selected by the timer switch 12. By watching 25 through the viewing window 54, the observer can determine the operation condition of the device 10 and, if necessary or desirable, can adjust this by varying the spacing between the electrodes 32 and 36 of the plasma chamber 34. As seen in FIGS. 2 and 3, 30 when the oscilloscope 80 is connected as shown, it will show a generally sinusoidal curve 82, indicative of the oscillations produced by the circuit composed of a inductance resistance and capacitance, and will have bursts 84 occurring at the positive and negative

peaks of the sine curve 82, caused by the eigen-oscillations of the selected gases, such as air or Nitrogen, and having an eigenfrequency(ies) which is characteristic of the selected gaseous elements.

5 These energy burst are substantially instantaneous and are of such short duration that they cannot serve to ionize the surrounding air. Moreover, the energy contained in these bursts penetrates into the body of the patient 78 and is selectively absorbed by those
10 elements within cells of the patient 78 which resonate to the characteristic eigenfrequency(ies) caused by ionization of the selected gases from gas source 48. In prior art plasma techniques, similar energy burst have been observed. However, because the phenomena
15 was not properly understood, steps have been taken to suppress the burst energy. As discussed above, this selective absorption serves to trigger selected chemical reactions within the cells of the patient 78 to produce desired therapeutic results. Thus, in
20 accordance with the method of the present invention, enhancement of the burst energy is preferred. The energy supplied by the induction coil 68 will have a generally a low frequency damping sinusoidal base curve characteristic of the LCR circuit, having a duty
25 cycle of the order of 0.001% with a series of about 10 to 15 equal (except the first one) bursts of radio eigenfrequency(ies) at each minimum or maximum of the low frequency cycle, having durations of less than 10^{-6} seconds each.

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Obviously, numerous variations and modifications can be made without departing from the spirit of the present invention. Therefore, it should be clearly understood that the form of the present

invention described above and shown in the figures of the accompanying drawing is illustrative only and is not intended to limit the scope of the present invention.

Claims

- 5 1. An apparatus for pulsed magnetic induction comprising:
 - a. creating means for creating a plasma containing at least one specific gas;
 - b. supplying means for supplying energy to excite said gases to oscillate at characteristic radio eigen-frequencies; and
 - c. applying means for applying said radio eigen-frequencies and the frequencies produced in the circuit to a biological matter to cause absorption of said energy by atoms of said specific element within said matter due to resonance.
- 10 2. An apparatus for pulsed magnetic induction according to claim 1 wherein said apparatus further includes a plasma chamber in which said plasma is ionized and which contains a pair of selectively spaced electrodes.
- 15 3. An apparatus for pulsed magnetic induction according to claim 1 wherein said applying means includes an induction probe.
- 20 4. An apparatus for pulsed magnetic induction according to claim 1 wherein the instantaneous amplitude of the energy of the high frequency output bursts is higher than the amplitude of any potential energy in the circuit.
- 25 5. An apparatus for pulsed magnetic induction

according to claim 3 wherein said induction probe is formed to provide very high rates of power of magnetic pulses and therefrom to induce electrical voltage and therefrom to induce current into exposed matter.

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6. An apparatus for pulsed magnetic induction according to claim 3 wherein said induction probe contains an induction coil formed of at least one turn of wire formed from a group of high conductive such as 10 copper, gold, silver, platinum, and the like, and having a diameter to sustain a strong electrical current of at least 1000 amps.

7. An apparatus for pulsed magnetic induction 15 according to claim 3 wherein said induction coil has a diameter at least a fraction of one centimeter.

8. An apparatus for pulsed magnetic induction 20 according to claim 3 wherein said induction coil is encased within a shield formed of electrically insulating material.

9. An apparatus for pulsed magnetic induction 25 according to claim 1 wherein said plasma contains atmospheric air.

10. An apparatus for pulsed magnetic induction 30 according to claim 3 wherein said induction probe has a tail which allows adjustable positioning of said induction probe with respect to the patient.

11. An apparatus for pulsed magnetic induction according to claim 1 wherein said supplying means includes a capacitive energy storage bank.

12. An apparatus for pulsed magnetic induction according to claim 11 wherein said capacitive energy storage bank is capable of storing a high potential charge and is capable of discharging substantially 5 instantaneously.

13. An apparatus for pulsed magnetic induction according to claim 1 wherein said apparatus further includes observing means for allowing an operator to 10 observe the ionization characteristic of said plasma.

14. An apparatus for pulsed magnetic induction according to claim 1 wherein said radio frequencies serve to increase or restore transmembrane potential of 15 cells.

15. An apparatus for pulsed magnetic induction according to claim 1 wherein said radio eigen- 20 frequencies serves to kill micro-organisms within said biological matter or destroy degenerative cells.

16. An apparatus for pulsed magnetic induction according to claim 1 wherein said radio frequencies serve to cause pasteurization or sterilization of 25 biological matter.

17. An apparatus for pulsed magnetic induction according to claim 1 wherein said radio eigen- 30 frequencies serves to create an electrical voltage within said biological matter.

18. An apparatus for pulsed magnetic induction according to claim 1 wherein said radio eigen- frequencies serves to create an electrical current

within said biological matter.

19. A method for magnetic induction comprising the steps of:

- 5 a. creating a plasma containing specific desired gases;
- b. supplying energy to excite said gases to oscillate at characteristic radio eigen-frequencies; and
- 10 c. applying said radio eigen-frequencies to a patient to cause absorption of said energy by atoms of said specific element due to resonance.

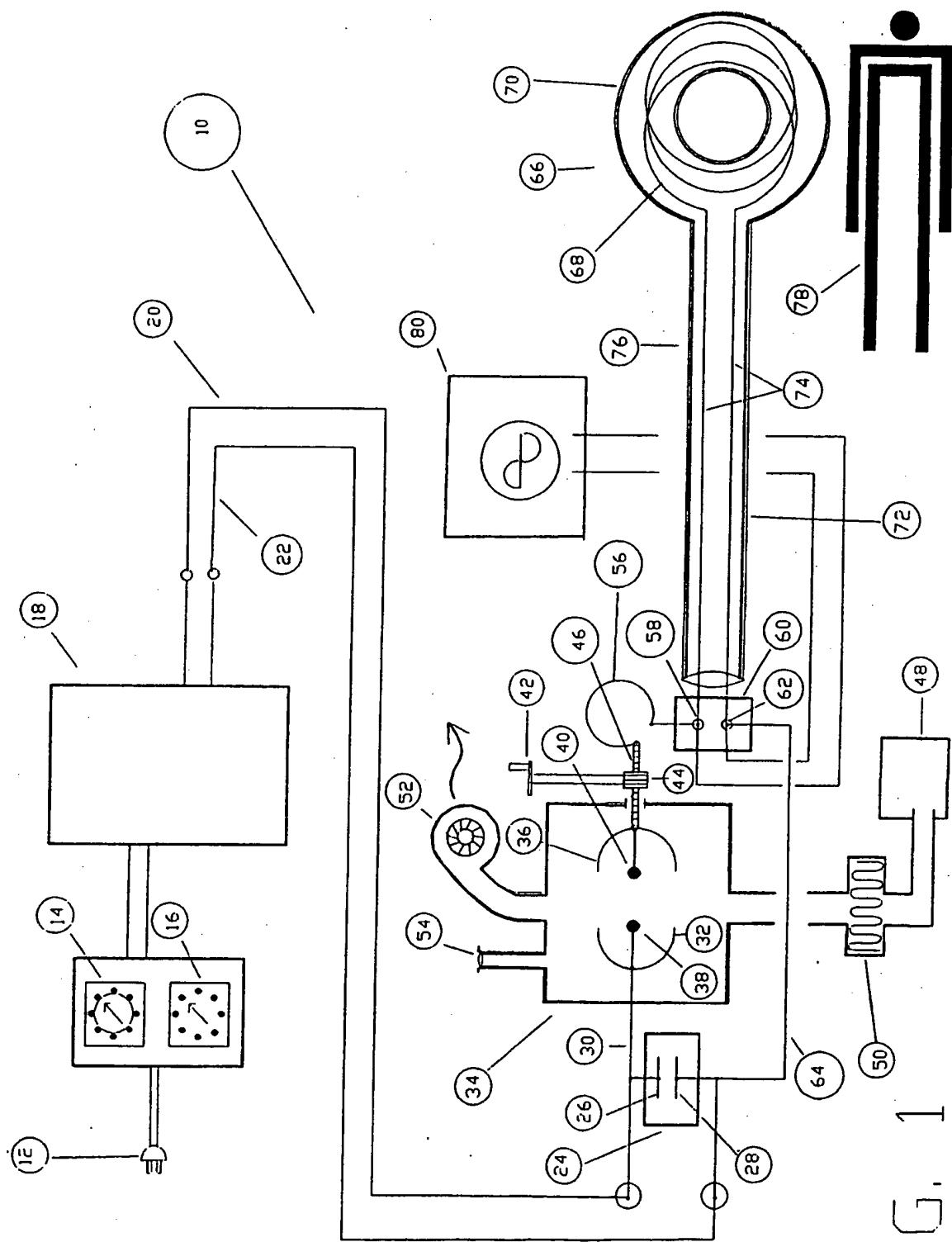
20. An apparatus for pulsed magnetic induction according to claim 1 wherein said gaseous element emits said radio eigen-frequencies in bursts having durations of about 10^{-4} to 10^{-6} seconds.

21. An apparatus for pulsed magnetic induction according to claim 1 wherein said supplying means supplies said energy in a oscillating manner having a duty cycle of the order of 0.001%.

22. An apparatus for pulsed magnetic induction according to claim 1 wherein said supplying means supplies said energy in a oscillating manner having a duty cycle of the order of 0.001% and causes said gaseous elements to emit said radio eigen-frequencies in bursts having durations of less than a fraction of a 10^{-4} seconds.

23. An apparatus for pulsed magnetic induction according to claim 1 wherein said biological matter is a human patient.

24. An apparatus for pulsed magnetic induction according to claim 1 wherein said biological matter is an animal.



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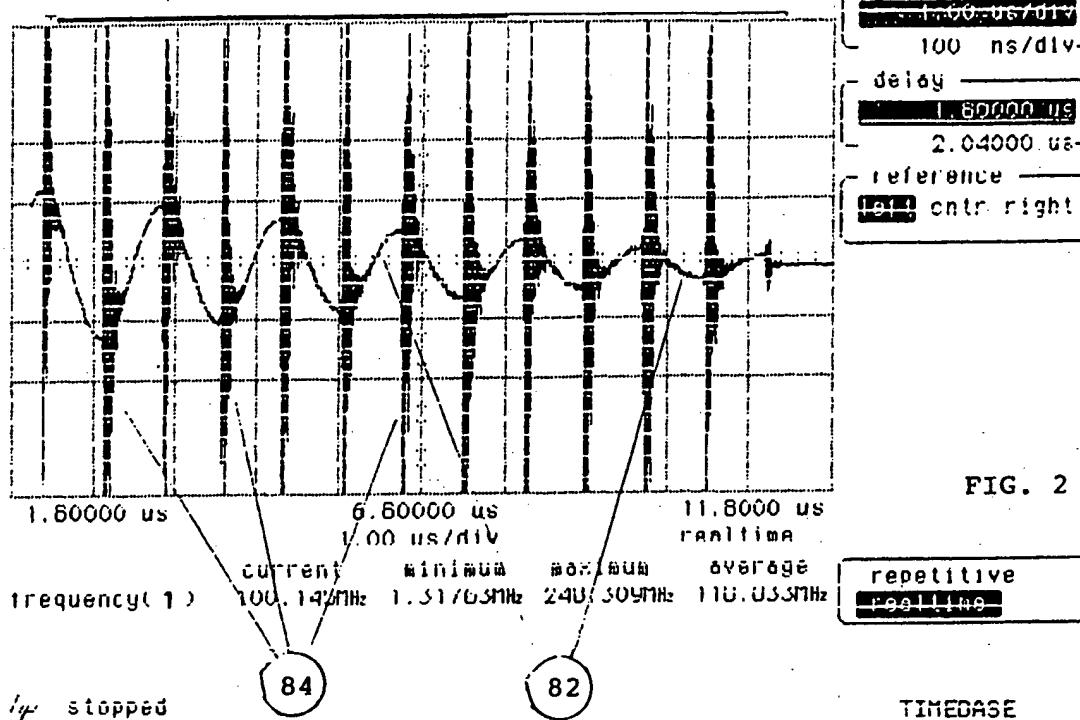
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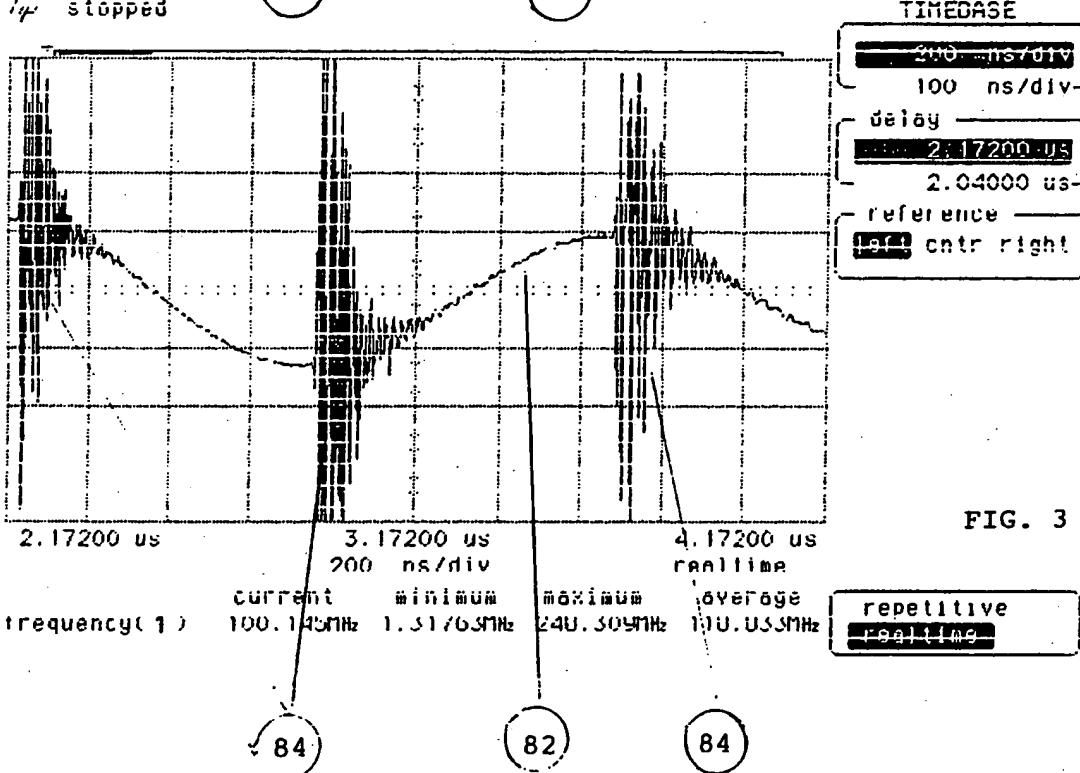
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FIG. 3

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